



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Newsletter, January 28, 2020

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Thank you Polar Bears and Polar Bear families you never cease to amaze us, your generosity is overwhelming, \$378.41 collected in change. \$760 being donated to Australia (\$380 to Red Cross Disaster Relief & Recovery Fund & \$380 to World Wildlife Fund) [#stewardship, @ALCDSB](#)

We extend a warm WELCOME to parents/families to come out and watch our junior volleyball stars compete in a round robin tournament on **(Wednesday), January 29th beginning at 9 a.m.** You may watch from the stage. Looking forward to a day of friendly competition! Go Polar Bears! [@ALCDSB](#)

“OUR DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE LITERARY CHARACTER” SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY was **MONDAY, JANUARY 27th**



Our Pizza Day is **Thursday, January. 30th**. Please consider purchasing your child(ren) pizza online.

Happy Family Literacy Day!! Thanks to all of our students & their families for their creativity as we celebrate our joy of reading on Mon., Jan 27th. [@alcdsb#FamilyLiteracyDay](#)



January 29th
Bell Let's Talk Day is January 29th. Join the conversation and help us surpass a billion total messages of support for mental health and \$100 million in total Bell funding.



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FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST

Staff will be engaged in Professional Development on and off site.

National Sweater Day – Feb. 6th



Please wear your sweater to support climate change.



School Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 11th.



ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

Our Valentine's Day Dance will take place on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th**. The JK to Grade 3 student dance is from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (No charge). The Grade 4 to 8 student dance is from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (additional information and permission forms for the 4-8 dance will be coming home shortly).

**REGISTER ONLINE!
FOR 2020-2021 KINDERGARTEN
PROGRAM**



ALCDSB is now able to accept online registration for Kindergarten students for the fall of 2020-2021. To be eligible the child must be 4 years of age on or before **Dec 31/20**. Please see our webpage for the link.

GRADE 8 BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER



We are continuing to collect LCBO bottles and beer cans as a fundraiser for our end-of-year graduation trip. Bottles can be dropped off at the school by the shed at the east side of the school across from the propane tanks.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fundraiser! We appreciate your support!

Sacraments for 2020



Please note that parents are asked to register their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation as soon as possible in order for us to start preparations.

Please contact Our Lady of Mercy Parish at 613-332-2954 or you can email the Parish at olmbancroft@gmail.com



The Bancroft Area Youth Stewardship Council is holding a creative writing/poster contest. All ages are invited to submit a piece that shows why the environment is important to them. Topics may

include: endangered species, invasive species, pollution, climate change and resource management. Please submit all pieces to the office by **February 28th**. Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 entries as judged by the Youth Stewardship Council. Please ask Hunter Dafoe (Grade 8) if you have any questions.

Blessed Palms Needed



We are approaching the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. At that time, we have ashes placed on our foreheads in the sign of the cross as a symbol of the season and a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday. These ashes are made by burning the blessed palms from Palm Sunday. Each year, we collect blessed palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday to be burned to use for the ashes on Ash Wednesday. **We are requesting that any families, who have their palms from last year, to please send them into the school.** We plan to burn the palms on Shrove Tuesday, February 25th.



As has been the practice for many years, each family with a child in Grade Seven is asked to donate \$25 toward the expenses connected with Graduation. Therefore, when your child celebrates graduation in Grade 8 all expenses are covered and you and your child can enjoy the evening festivities cost free. **YOU MAY MAKE THIS PAYMENT ONLINE IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED FOR SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.** Please look for the "Grade 7 Pre-payment for Graduation", as the item. Alternatively, you may send your donation (cash or cheque) to the office through your child's teacher, if you are not registered. Please make this donation as soon as possible. If for some reason your child will not be graduating from our school in grade 8 (i.e., a move out of the area, or

enrolment in another school), your money will be refunded. Thank you for your support.

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Scholastic Reading Club

Discover the easiest, most reliable way to get your child excited about reading!



Scholastic Book Club is currently cutting back on the number of paper flyers they are sending. With this in mind, if you require a paper copy please let me know at the school and I will provide you with one.

Scholastic is promoting the use of their online ordering. To do this:

- Go to : scholastic.ca/canadaclubs and connect to my account, Brenda Gabourie
- Select your books, pay online and checkout.
- I will receive confirmation of your order. The books will be shipped to the school.

Important INFORMATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Many of our families have provided the school with a weekly schedule pertaining to after-school arrangements for their child(ren). It is **imperative** that you inform the school in writing if your child's weekly schedule changes.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR RECYCLED BATTERIES!